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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A floss dispenser, comprising:
 - a housing defining at least a receiving chamber with a floss bobbin rotationally received therein;
 - a floss fork arranged at an end of the housing for bracing a section of floss thereon;
 - a first tension controlling device arranged on the housing for controlling the tension of the floss from the floss bobbin; and
 - a tensioner ~~arranged adjacent to the feeding device such that the floss braced on the floss fork can readily and properly~~ movably mounted to the housing and defining a passage through which the floss extends to selectively apply tension to the floss by the movement of the tensioner.
2. (Currently Amended) A floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein further comprising a cover removably attached to the housing defines to enclose a the receiving chamber on which a transparent cover is attached.
3. (Original) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 2, wherein the receiving chamber includes a feeding hole in which a threader having a passage is mounted.
4. (Currently Amended) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the first tension controlling device is a ratchet having a slotted shaft ~~in which a rubber is provided~~ through which a portion of the floss extends for securely anchoring the floss.
5. (Currently Amended) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 4, wherein the ratchet is provided with a stopper such that the ratchet runs only in a single direction.
6. (Currently Amended) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the tensioner is mounted to the housing by a tensioner bracket of the housing, ~~the tensioner defines a passage through which the floss extends therethrough~~

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~~thereby applying proper tension to the floss by the movement of the tensioner.~~

7. (Original) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the housing provides a cutter so as to cut the floss to a suitable length.

8. (Original) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the floss fork includes a post for anchoring of the floss.

9. (Currently Amended) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the tensioner is pushed-movable in a direction to release the tension of the floss so as to eject-allow the floss to be removed from the floss fork thereby releasing the floss therefrom.

10. (Original) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, further comprising a threader for easily threading the floss through feeding holes and passages of the housing.

11. (Original) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 1, wherein the floss routes from the receiving chamber, further through a passage of the tensioner, a guiding slot of the floss fork, then braced by notches defined in ends of the fork, anchoring around a post adjacent to the floss fork, and finally securely anchored the feeding device.

12. (Currently Amended) A floss dispenser, comprising:

a housing defining at least a receiving chamber with a floss bobbin rotationally received therein;

a floss fork arranged at an end of the housing for bracing a section of floss thereon;

a first tension controlling device arranged on the housing for controlling a tension of the floss after the floss fork; and

a tensioner ~~arranged adjacent to the feeding device~~ movably mounted to the housing and defining a passage through which the floss extends for dynamically controlling the tension between the floss bobbin and the floss fork during ~~the a~~ flossing process.

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13. (Currently Amended) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 12, wherein the tensioner is ~~moveably~~ moveable ~~so as to~~ selectively apply the tension to the floss or to release the tension therefrom.

14. (Original) The floss dispenser as recited in claim 12, wherein the floss fork defines a guiding slot for properly guiding the floss.